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MINUTES

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301
April 9, 2015, 12:00PM**

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1. Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order at 12:24pm by acting Chair Gary Litchfield followed by roll call:

Board Members Present

Gary Litchfield

Guy Licciardi

Quion T Riley

Joseph Krowski, Jr

Board Members Absent

LaTeisha Adams

Guests Present

Ronnie Drimer, DPS Program Coordinator

Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel

Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist

James Doherty, New applicant for Deputy Commissioner

2. Approval of the Minutes from February 5, 2015, March 5, 2015 & March 24, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the minutes from February 5, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the minutes from March 5, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the minutes from March 24, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Suspensions for March 6, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the suspensions from March 6, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Referee Thomas Evans Hearing

Mr. Evans was not present at the hearing. There was no confirmation that he received the hearing notice. Allegations of collusion from fighter Juan Puerta were to be addressed regarding his match against Johnny Campbell in Plymouth on November 1, 2014. Mr. Puerta felt there was collusion with referee Evans and fighter Campbell. Commissioner Licciardi was present at the fight and reviewed the tape of the match and found no collusion and that referee Evans viewed the match fairly. Commissioner Litchfield stated that he found no fault with the referee. Commissioner Krowski Jr also saw no conflict. Commissioner Licciardi made a motion that the decision stands, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. Commissioner Krowski Jr stated that going forward let referee Evans know if there ever is a conflict of interest with a bout to change with the other referee.

Mr. Evans is also an MMA fighter. Commissioner Krowski Jr made a motion that an applicant for a referee must have given up fighting for 1 year before he can be approved to referee, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

Upcoming events: April 10, 2015 Boxing event in Melrose, April 18, 2015 MMA event in Plymouth

6. Schedule next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for May 7, 2015 at 12:00pm.

7. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 12:47pm

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this Meeting

Minutes from February 5, 2015, March 5, 2015 & March 24, 2015

Suspension list for March 6, 2015

E-mail from Steve Smith regarding an exhibition fight on April 25, 2015